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Dear Josh:

You probably have received the slants I sent you last week. I have finally secured the sewage and will mail it tomorrow, the postal regulations notwithstanding.

I was interested to hear of your experiences with Lambda, and I am eager to hear more.

Incidentally, I got a letter from Bernie Davis saying that he would be in Chicago Sunday on his way to San Francisco.

From you I would like a slant or slants of tryptophane-less mutants of K-12 or its derivatives. We would like to compare their behavior in the chemostat with our B/1,t. Also, one of the things that I think would be nice to do would be to see whether there was any close linkage among those genes concerned with the various stages of tryptophane manufacture. I'll admit this smacks of one gene, one enzyme, but I assure you I take a very liberal view.

I am looking forward to visiting you soon and having the kind of conversation that one never seems to have at our meetings. Incidentally, we are going down to Bloomington, as you probably know, next weekend, more or less to suit Delbruck's convenience. I'll write telling you if anything new appears.

I don't think the University of Chicago would like to admit any role in the purchase of a vehicle you call a car.

Best regards,

Aaron Novick

Regards to Eather Many thanks for the reprints. The recome is explanded.